lost due to strikes and lockouts. A statement showing state-wise mandays lost due to strikes in the public and private sector during 1995 is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

Mandays Lost due to Strikes in Public and Private Sector During 1995 (Provisional) By Selected States

State/U.T.	Mandays lost (in thousands)
Andhra Pradesh	1,003
Bihar	25
Delhi	1
Goa, Daman & Diu	99
Gujarat	240
Haryana	44
Karnataka	156
Kerala	148
Madhya Pradesh	96
Maharashtra	508
Orissa	54
Pondicherry	0
Punjab	331
Rajasthan	198
Tamil Nadu	617
Uttar Pradesh	60
West Bengal	297
Others	56
TOTAL	3,933

O = Nil or less than 500
Source: Labour Bureau, Shimla.

Accidents in Mines

1004. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the accidents which took place in various mines during the last two years and the number of workers killed in each of them; and

(b) the main reasons for these accidents and the remedial steps being taken for the safety of the workers?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY): (a) The details of the accidents which took place in various mines during the last two years and the number of workers killed therein is as follows:

Year	No. of Accidents	Persons Killed
Coal Mines		
1994	873	241
1995	901	224
Non-Coal Mines		
1994	307	86
1995	334	82

(b) These accidents mainly occurred due to rope haulage fall of Roof/sides, wheeled trackless vehicles, irruption of water misfires, fall of persons from height/into depth and other heavy earth moving machinery.

Provisions for safety of persons employed in mines are contained in the Mines Act, 1952, and the Rules and Regulations framed thereunder. The safety laws are kept under constant review and amended from time to time. The Directorate General of Mines Safety also issues guidelines in the form of circulars to the Managements for improving safety measures. These provisions are required to be complied with by the managements. The officers of the Directorate General of Mines Safety inspect the mines periodically to oversee the status of compliance with the safety provisions, and to take action as provided for under the Mines Act, 1952, in case of default. Besides the legislative measures, the Government is promoting a number of other initiatives, such as:

(i) Conference of Safety in Mines;
(ii) Self-regulation by management;
(iii) Workers' participation in Safety Management;
(iv) Tripartite and Bipartite reviews at various levels;
(v) Training of workpersons;

(vi) Observance of safety weeks and safety campaigns;

(vii) National Safety Awards.

मध्य प्रदेश में चने की खरीद

1005. **श्री राघवजी:** क्या खाद्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) वर्ष 1995-96 के दौरान मध्य प्रदेश में केन्द्रीय तथा राज्य सरकार की एजेन्सियों द्वारा कुल कितनी मात्रा में चने की खरीद की गई, किन-किन एजेन्सियों द्वारा कितनी-कितनी मात्रा में चने की खरीद की गई;

(ख) क्या सरकार को इस बात की जानकारी है कि वर्ष 1995-96 में मध्य प्रदेश की कुछ मंडियों में चना समर्थन मूल्य से भी कम मूल्य पर बेचा गया था, यदि हां, तो मूल्यों में हुई इस गिरावट को रोकने के लिए कौन-कौन से कदम उठाए गए हैं; और

(ग) यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं?

खाद्य मंत्री (श्री अजीत सिंह): (क) मध्य प्रदेश में राज्य सहकारी संघ/प्राथमिक सहकारी विपणन समितियों के माध्यम से नेफेड द्वारा वर्ष 1995-96 के दौरान वाणिज्यिक खाते पर 3832 मीटरी टन चने की खरीददारी की गई थी।

(ख) निर्धारित विनिर्दिष्टयों अर्थात् उचित औसत किस्म वाले स्टाक के लिए न्यूनतम समर्थन मूल्य निर्धारित किए जाते हैं। प्राप्त रिपोर्टों के अनुसार उचित औसत किस्म के चने के मूल्य 700—750 रुपये प्रति क्विंटल की रेंज में थे जबकि उचित औसत किस्म के चने का न्यूनतम समर्थन मूल्य 670 रुपये प्रति क्विंटल है। न्यूनतम समर्थन मूल्य से कम मूल्य पर बेचा गया चना उचित औसत किस्म की विनिर्दिष्टियों के अनुरूप नहीं था।

(ग) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

Licensing Policy of Sugar Mills

1006. SHRI SHIVAJIRAO GIRIDHAR PATIL: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any change in the present policy of licensing the new sugar factories and expansion of units;

(i) the number and names of the new units, State-wise, to whom letters of intent have been issued after October, 1996,

(ii) the sugar factories who have been issued LOT for expansion State-wise after October, 1995 alongwith the capacities;

(b) the applications pending with Government after March, 1994 for expansion upto 2500 TCD minimum economic capacity and the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether there is any change in the existing policy to give preference for licensing to co-operative societies, if so, the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD (SHRI *AJIT SINGH*): (a) No, Sir.

(i) The number and names of the new units to whom letters of intent have been issued after October, 1995 upto 4-3-1996 are as under:—

Sl. No.	Name of Company	Location
Uttar Pradesh:		
1.	M/s. Barnawa Sugar Mills Ltd.	Muzaffarpur Kambla Distt. Meerut
2.	M/s. Bahadrabad Sugar Mills Ltd.	Bahadrabad, Distt. Haridwar
Karnataka:		
1.	M/s Shri Someshwar SSK Niyamit	Bailhongal Taluk, Distt. Belgaum.
2.	Shri Shashi-Kant Sidnal	Manoli Taluk, Saund-atti, Distt. Belgaum.
3.	M/s The India Cement Ltd.	Mallanhalli, Taluk Krishnarajapet, Distt. Mandya.
4.	M/s Prem Sugars & Chemicals Corporation Ltd.	Thimmalapura Taluk, Nagamangla Distt. Mandya.
5.	M/s The Mandya National paper Mills Ltd.	Belaguda, Taluk Srirangapatna, Distt. Mandya.